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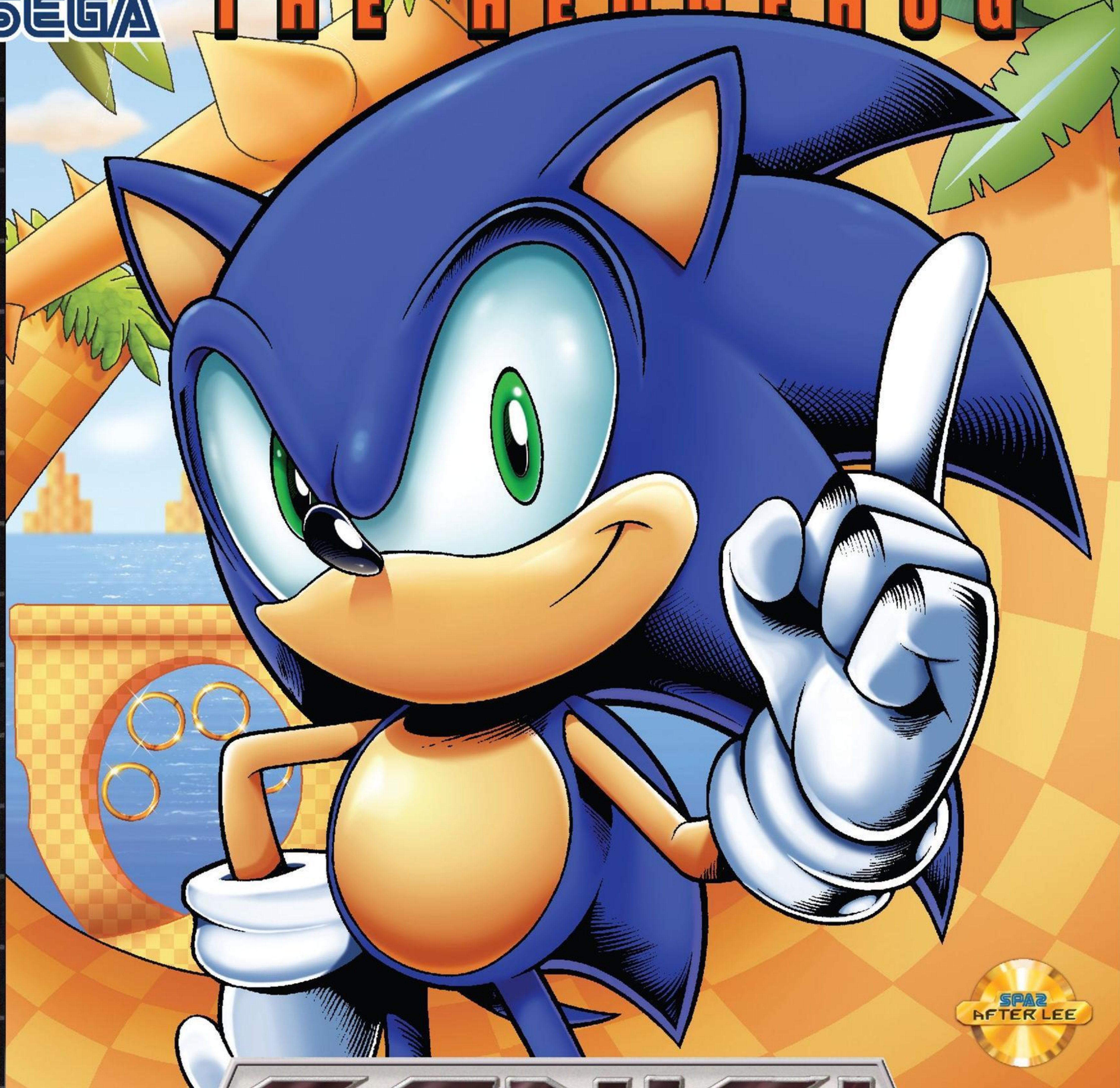
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THE HEDGEHOG



SONIC: GENESIS

PART ONE



WELCOME TO A *WHOLE NEW WORLD*--ONE *UNIQUE* AND *BEYOND* WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE *SEGA GAMES*!--
WHERE WE BEGIN THE *ALL-NEW, ALL-DIFFERENT*
ADVENTURES OF A *SPEEDY BLUE HERO* NAMED
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

WHOA...
FEELS LIKE
I DOZED OFF
FOR A
MINUTE
THERE...!
WHAT WAS
I DOING
AGAIN?...

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Genesis

Part One: **IN THE BEGINNING...**



THAT'S RIGHT, DUDES ARE MISSING, AS WELL AS A TON OF ANIMALS....!

AND I'M JUST THE HEDGEHOG TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON!

I DON'T THINK EVERYONE DECIDED TO MIGRATE OR GO ON A VACA--



YOW! WHAT'S THAT?!



BESIDES UNFRIENDLY.



WHAT'S UP, GUYS?

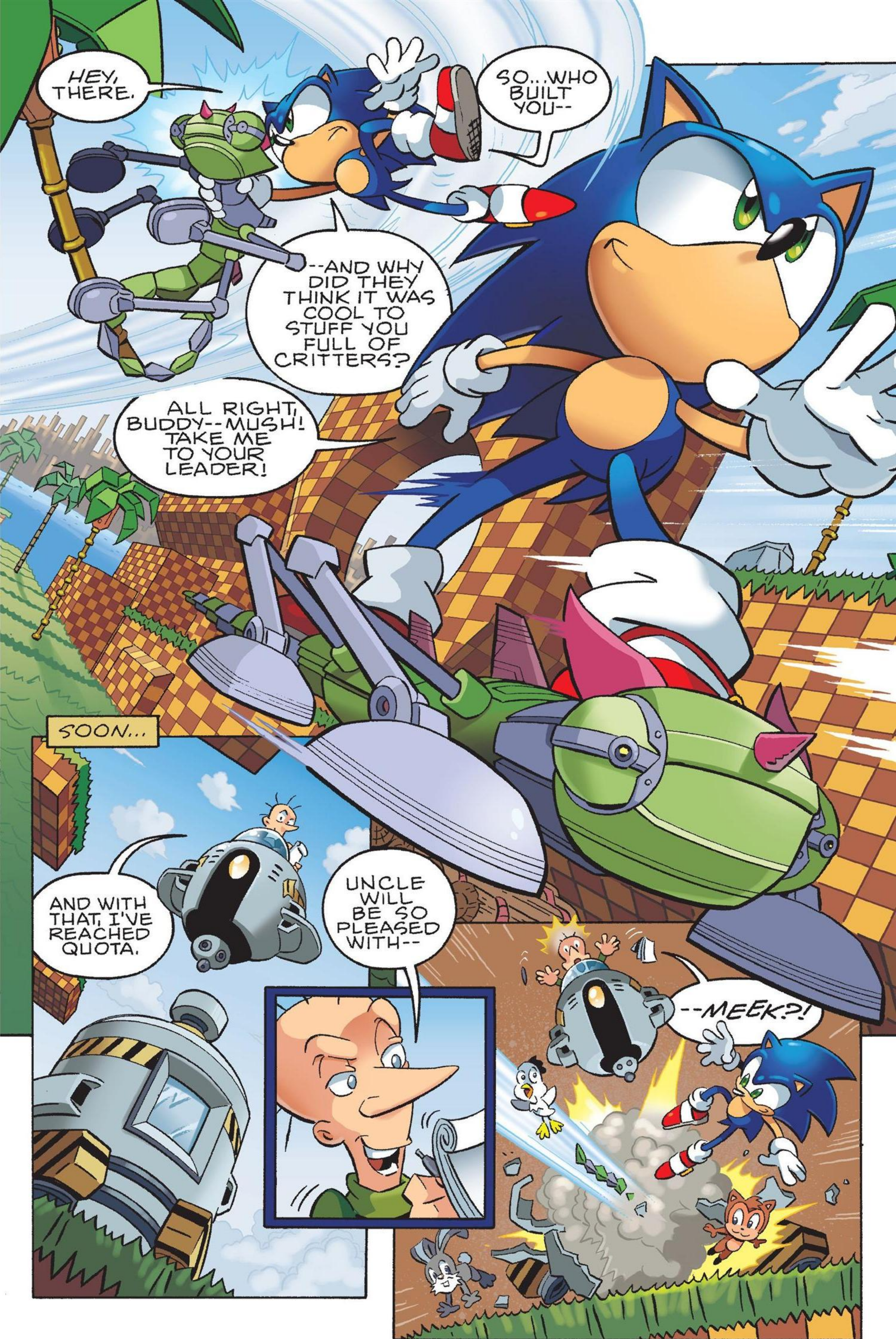
OR IS IT GIRLS?
DO ROBOTS GET
GENDERS? HOW
ABOUT A NAME--?
I'LL CALL YOU
GUYS...



...MOTOBUGS!
WHICH SEEMS
...ODDLY
APPROPRIATE.

LIKE... REALLY
APPROPRIATE.
HUH. I GUESS
THIS SOLVES
THE MYSTERY OF
WHAT HAPPENED
TO ALL THE
ANIMALS, AT
LEAST.





HEY,
THERE.

SO...WHO
BUILT
YOU--

--AND WHY
DID THEY
THINK IT WAS
COOL TO
STUFF YOU
FULL OF
CRITTERS?

ALL RIGHT,
BUDDY--MUSH!
TAKE ME
TO YOUR
LEADER!

SOON...

AND WITH
THAT, I'VE
REACHED
QUOTA.

UNCLE
WILL
BE SO
PLEASED
WITH--

--MEEK?!



WHAT--

--HOW--

--WHY?!

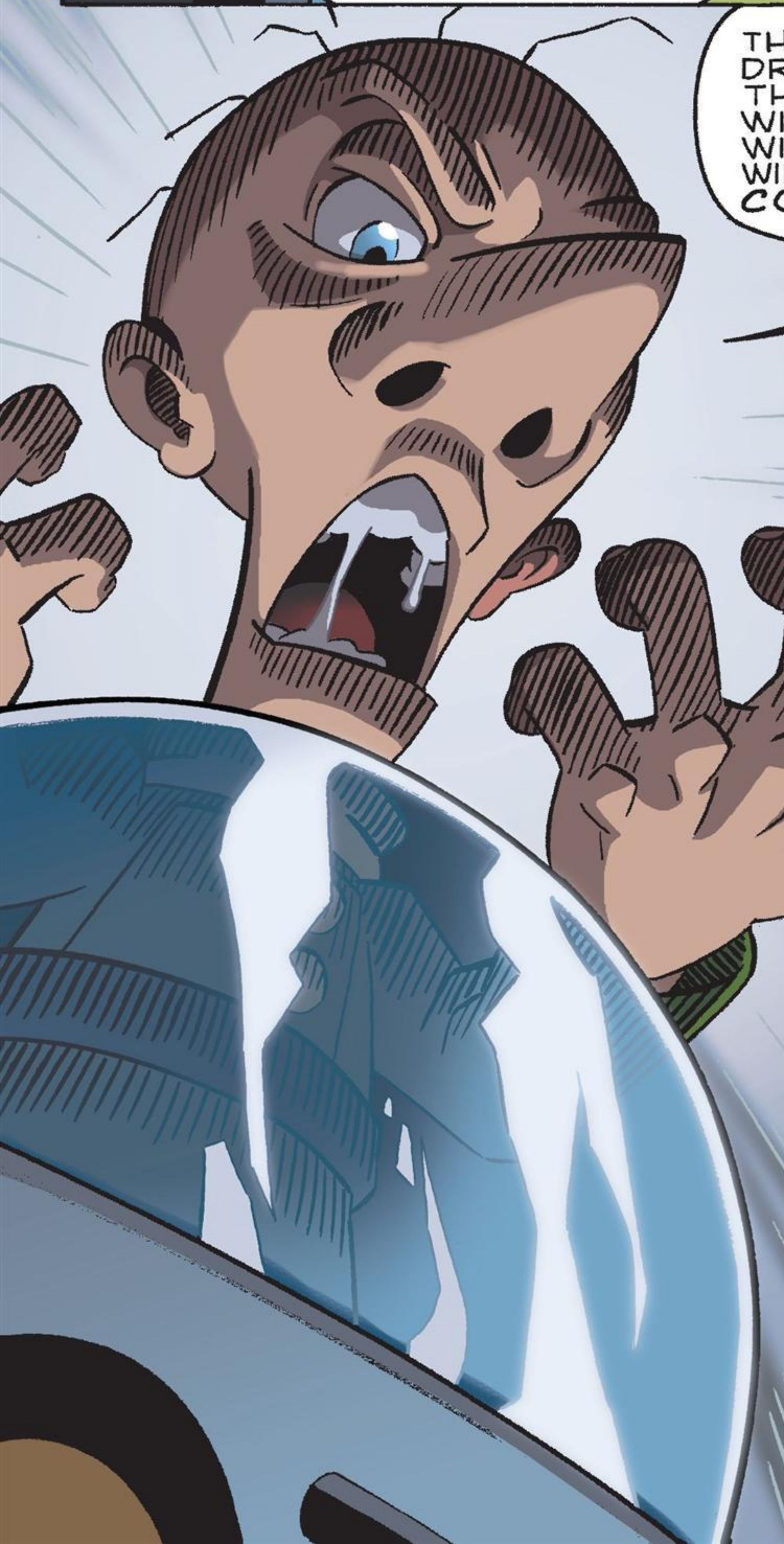
THE NAME'S
"SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG."

I RESPOND
BETTER TO "WHO,"
BUT I'M FLEXIBLE.



ARE YOU THE
GUY BEHIND
ALL THIS?

ONLY IN PART.
I AM SNIVELY,
LOWLY SERVANT TO
A GRANDER DESIGN.



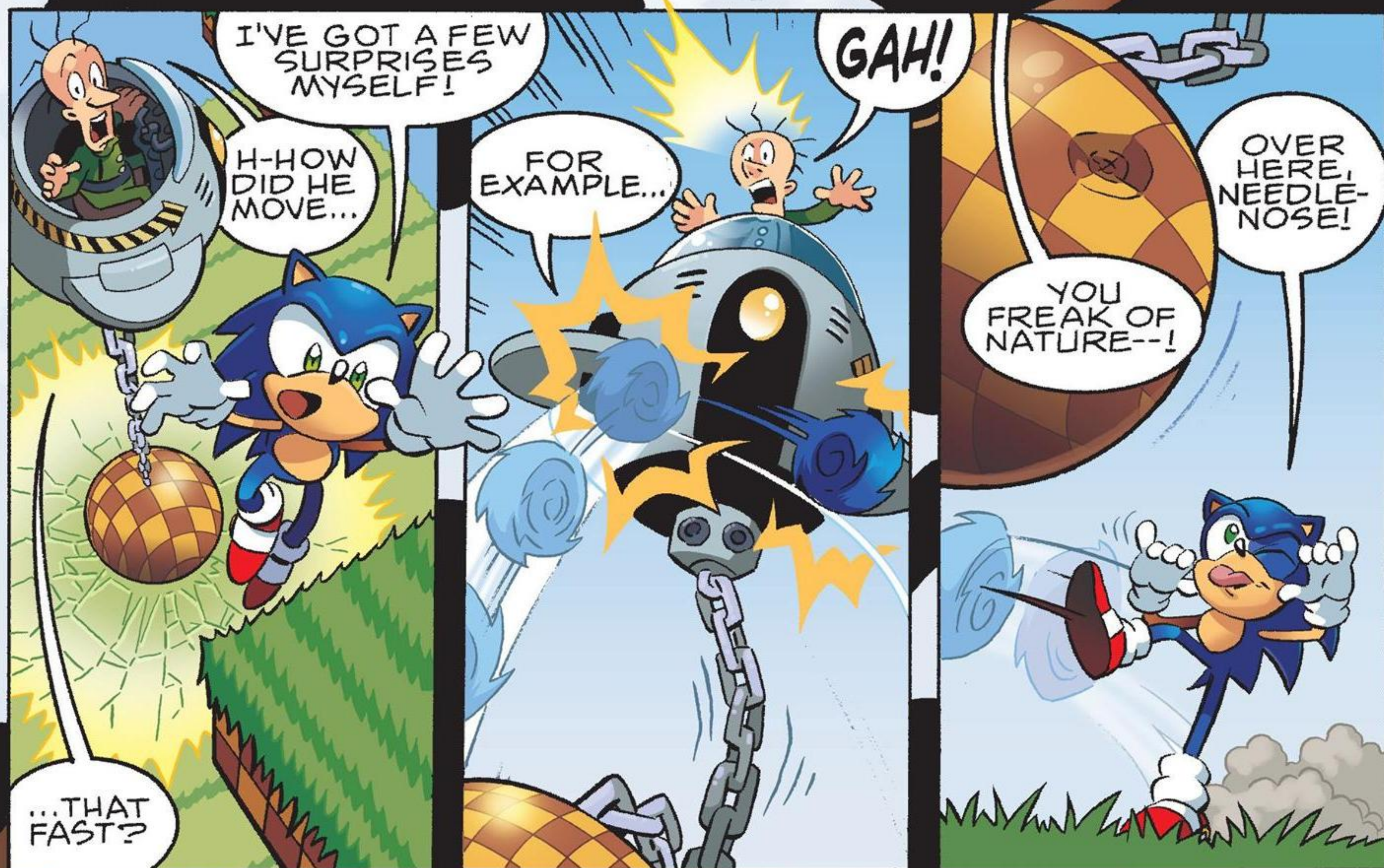
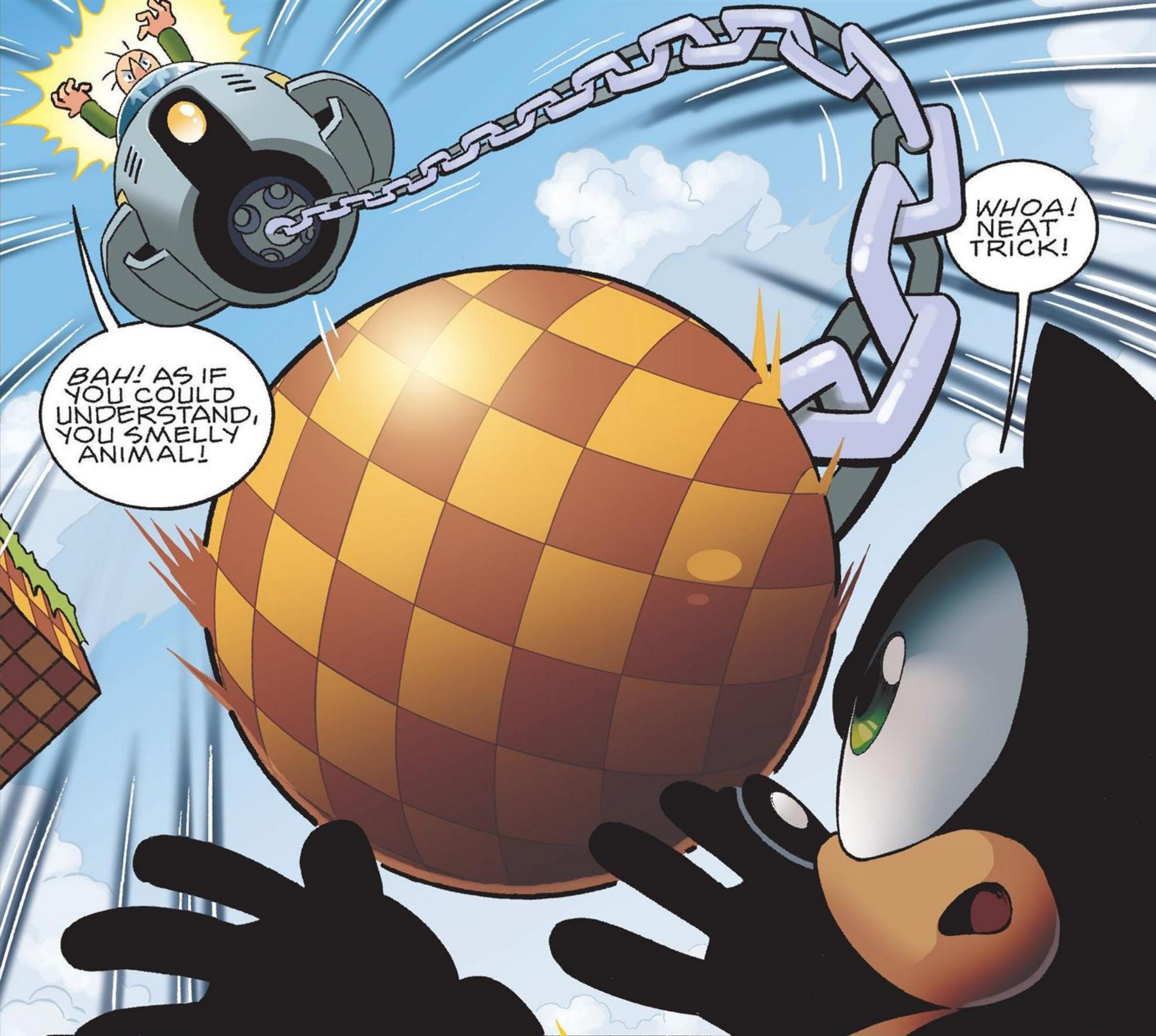
THE DESIGNS OF MY BRILLIANT UNCLE,
DR. EGGMAN! HE WILL BRING ORDER TO
THESE WILD LANDS! ALL GREENERY
WILL BE PAVED! ALL FILTHY ANIMALS
WILL POWER SHINY ROBOTS! THE WORLD
WILL NOT ONLY WORK LIKE... BUT **BE-
COME** A WELL-OILED MACHINE!

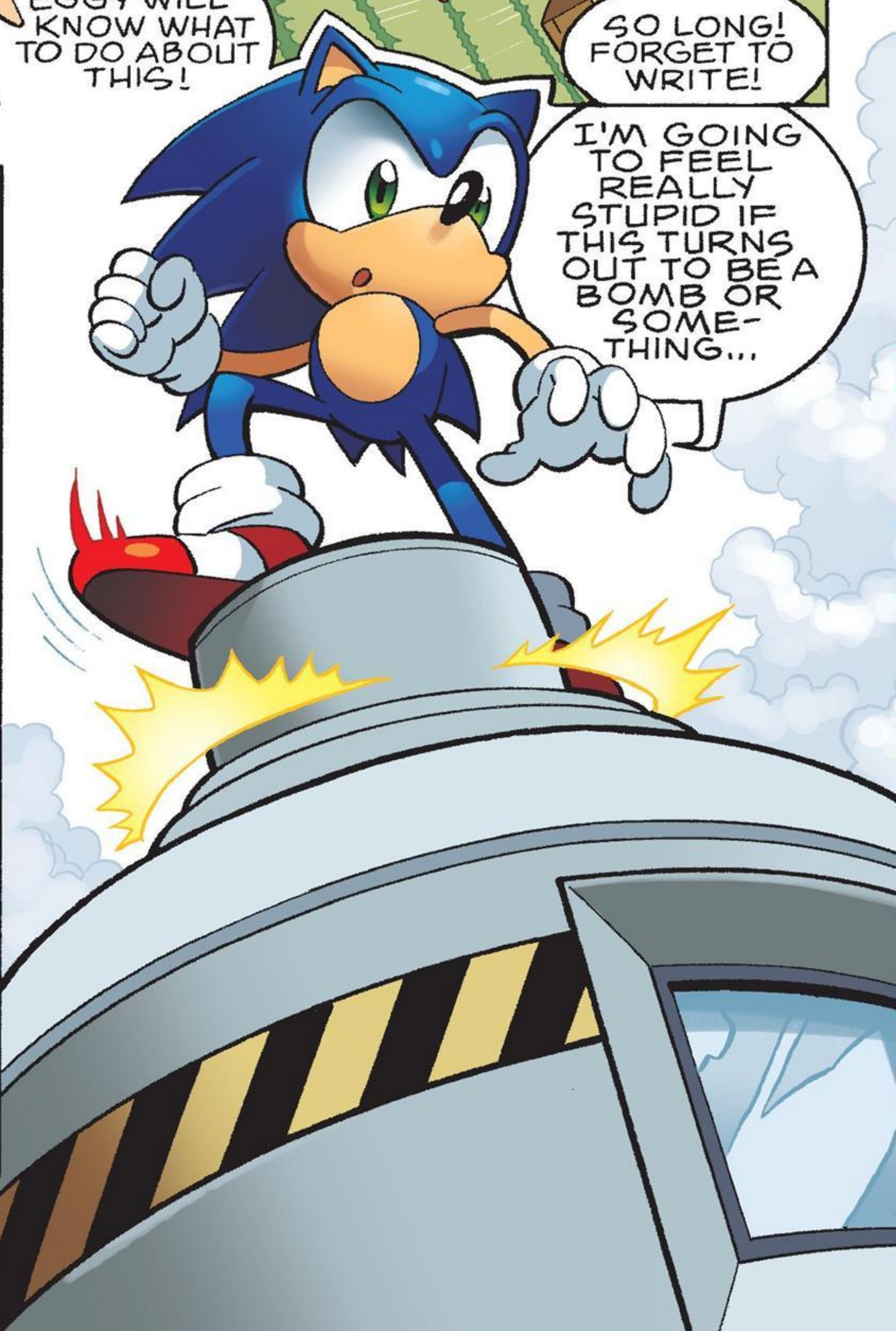
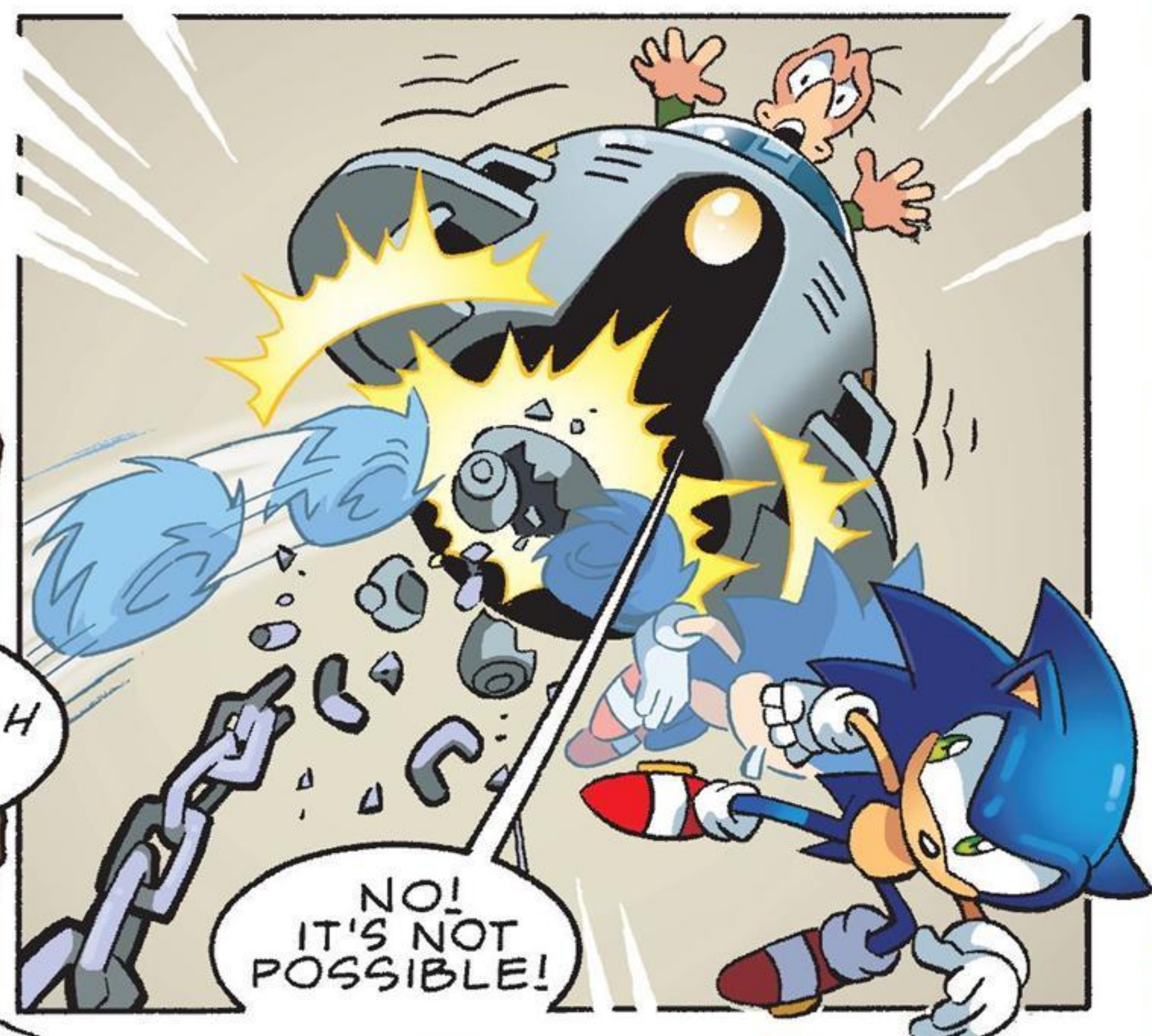


WOW,
WHAT A
JERK.

HE'S
BRILLIANT!
BRILLIANT,
I SAY!

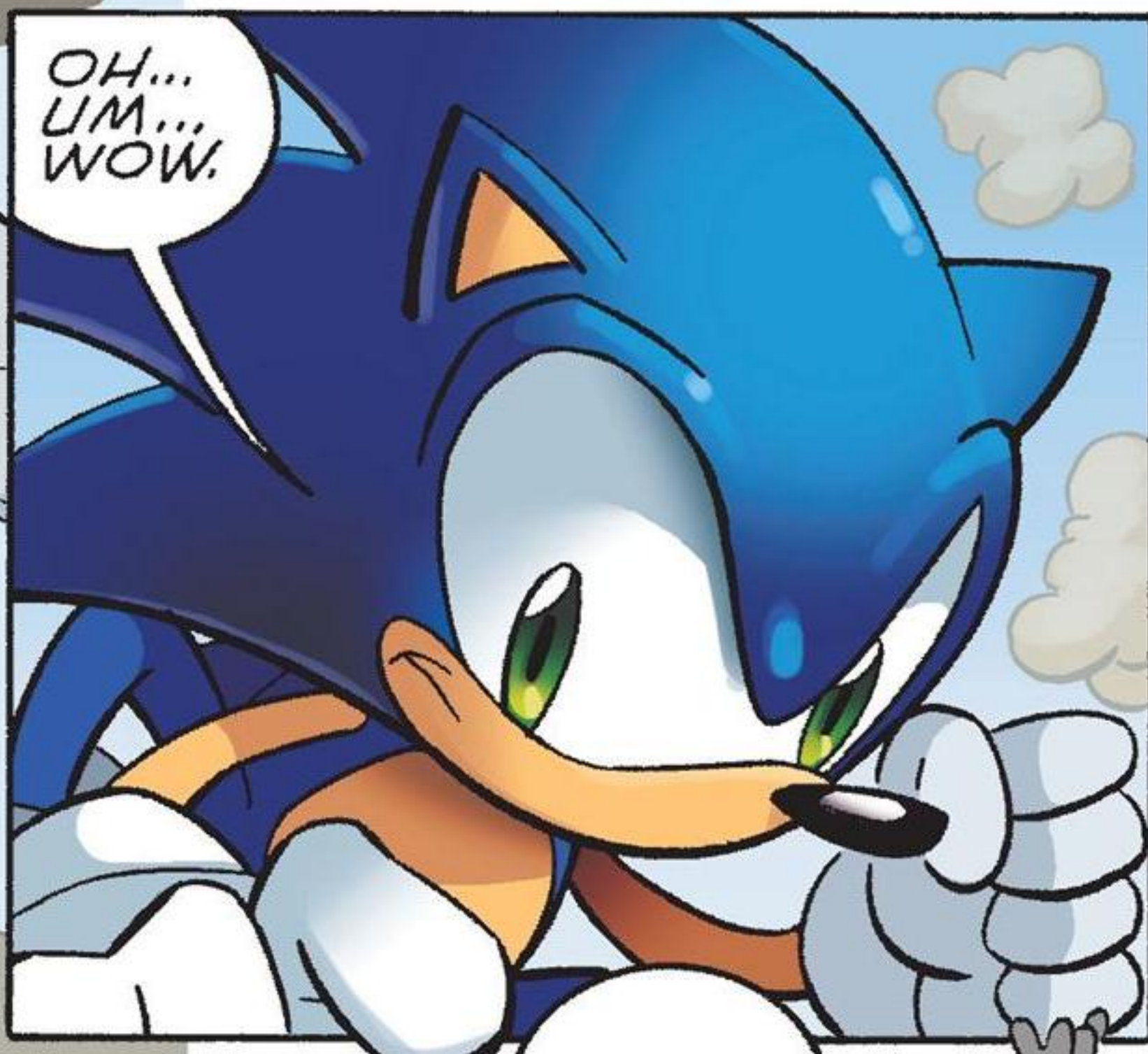
NO,
HE'S
NOT!







GAK! DOES EVERY-THING THIS EGGMAN GUY BUILDS EXPLODE ?!



OH... UM... WOW.



HELLO!



YOU...YOU MUST BE...

...OUR RESCUER.



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. YOU'RE SOME OF THE FOLKS THAT WENT MISSING, RIGHT?

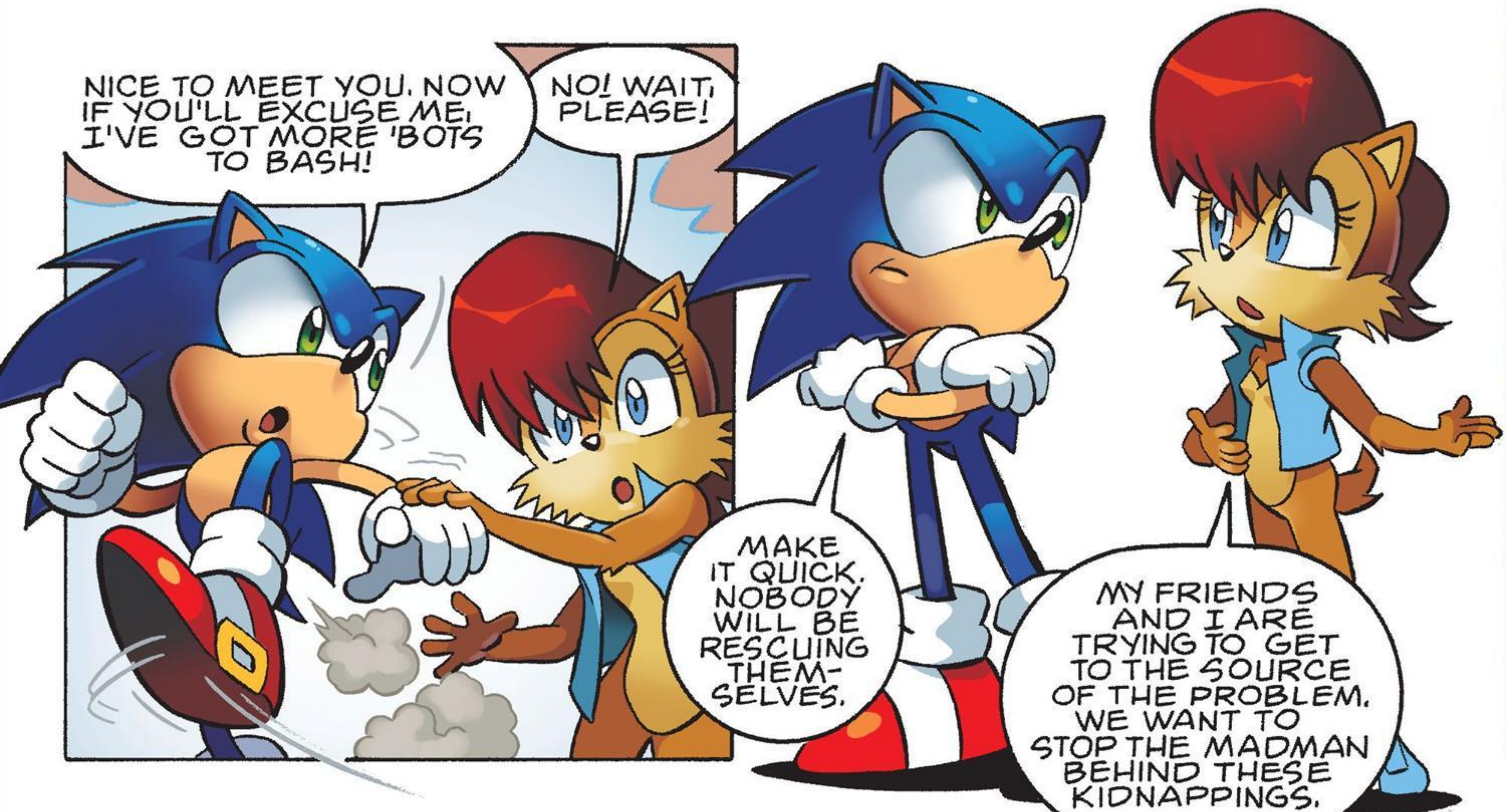


THAT'S RIGHT. MY NAME IS SALLY ACORN. THESE ARE MY FRIENDS, BOOMER WALRUS AND ANTOINE DEPARDIEU.



HEYA!

IS ZE HORRIBLE TINY MAN GONE?



LATER...

...AND WE'RE PRETTY SURE THAT THERE'S SOME KIND OF UNDERGROUND PASSAGE THAT RUNS FROM THE MARBLE ZONE TO DR. EGGMAN'S LAIR.

I'LL ADMIT I HAD MY DOUBTS, BUT WE'RE DEFINITELY ON THE RIGHT TRACK NOW.

WHAT CHANGED YOUR MIND?

THE KILLER ROBOTS.

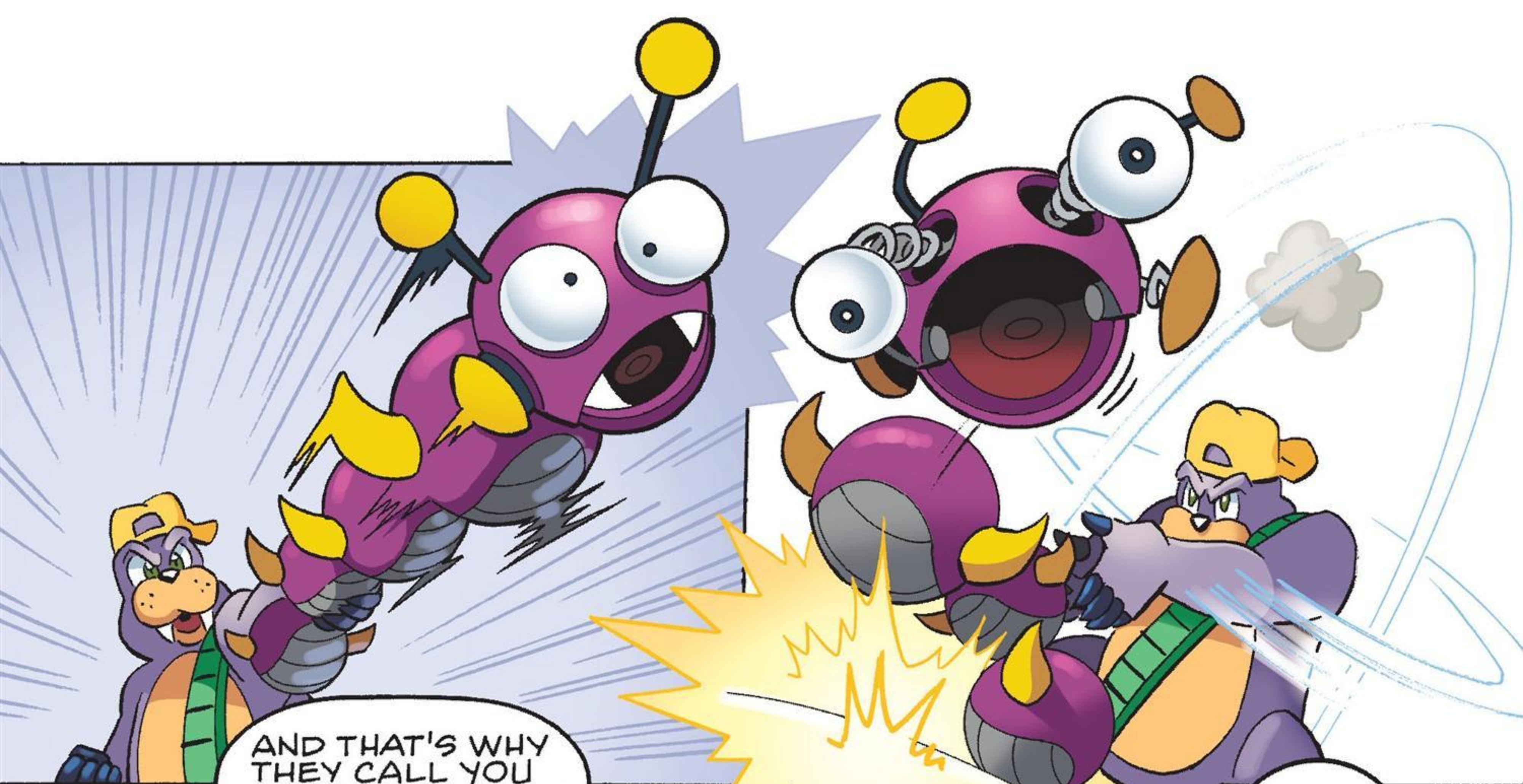
EEP!

CAREFUL, SONIC! THIS MODEL IS CALLED--

A CATER-KILLER!

OH, YOU'VE ...DONE RESEARCH YOURSELF?

...NO, IT JUST KIND OF... CAME TO ME.



AND THAT'S WHY
THEY CALL YOU
"BOOMER,"
RIGHT?

ALWAYS
HAPPY
TO
HELP.

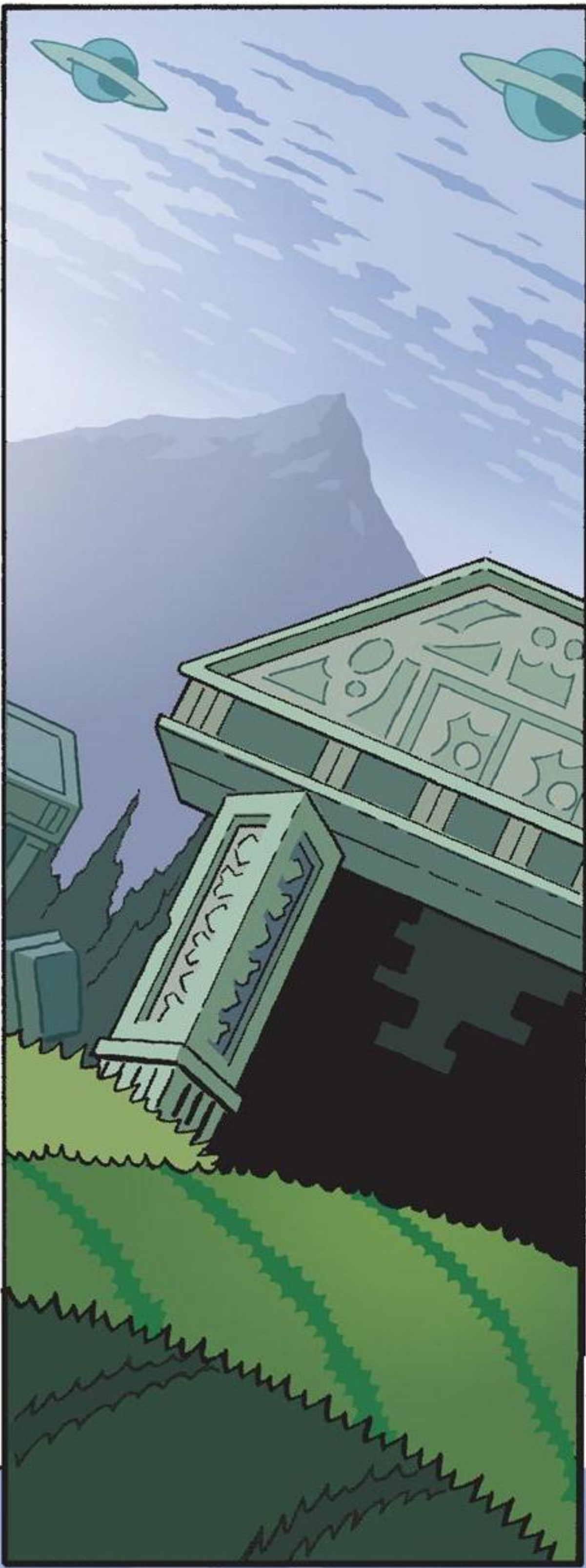
HERE
COME
MORE,
BOYS!



I WOULD
JUST BE
GETTING IN
ZE WAY, I
SHALL WAIT
OVER HERE,
OKAY?
OKAY!

THERE
...NICE AND
SAFE.







WELL, THAT WAS MODERATELY ENTERTAINING...

THANK YOU, ANTOINE!

ANTOINE?!



WAY TO GO!

WE NEVER WOULD'VE SEEN THAT AMBUSH COMING!

AH, WELL, AHOO-HOO-HOO! I DO WHAT I CAN...



YEAH, RIGHT.

HE MEANT TO DO THAT, MY SPINY BLUE...



YO, BOOMER!

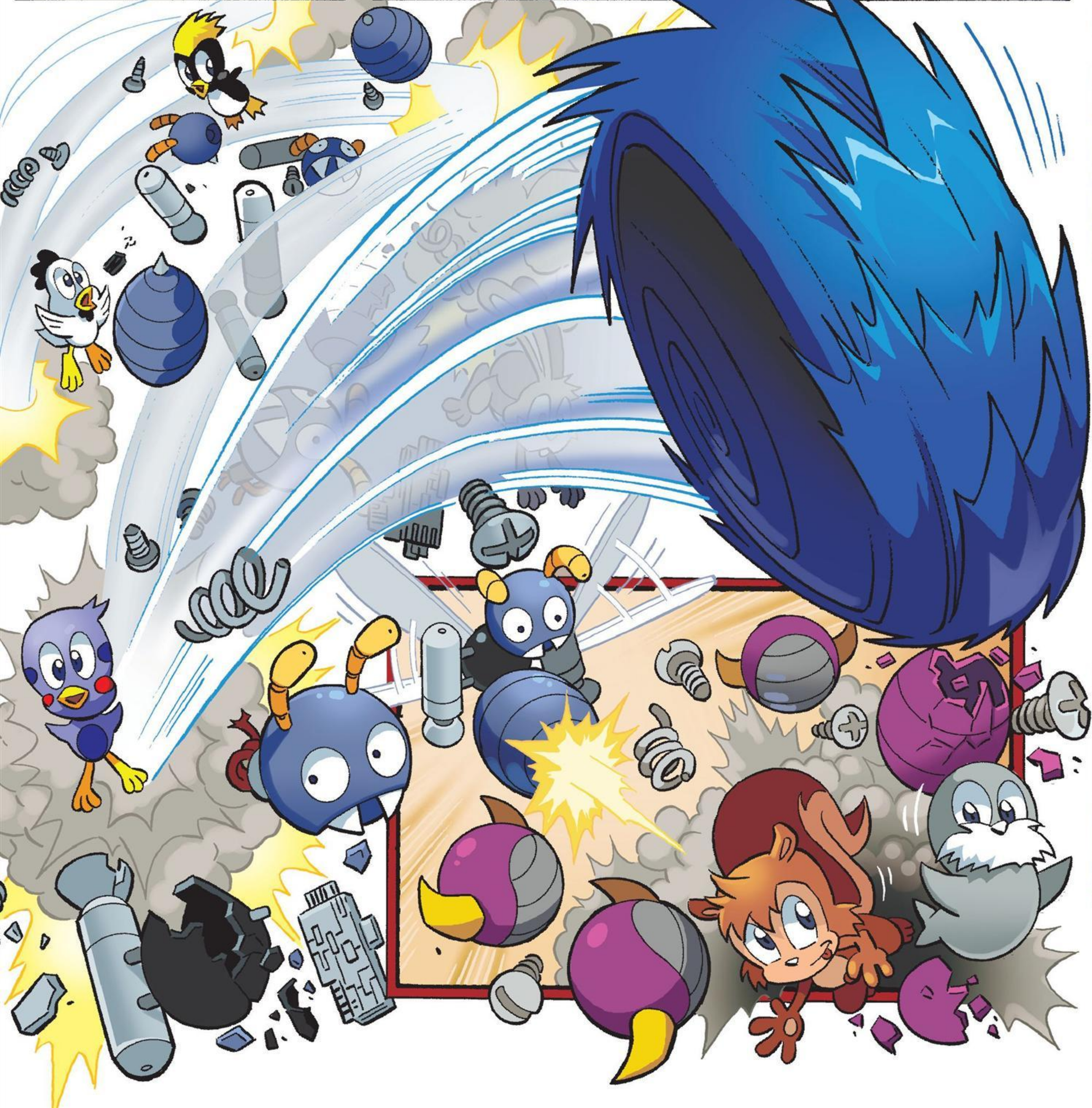
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WE JUST GOT DONE SMASHING THOSE.

I'M REPROGRAMMING IT.

HOW COOL WOULD IT BE TO HAVE ONE ON OUR SIDE?







...WOW!
LOOK AT
THEM GO!

HA-HA!
WAIT!
FOR US!



EEEEEEK!

ANOTHER
EARTHQUAKE!
BRACE YOUR-
SELVES!



IT
EXPOSED A
MAGMA
DEPOSIT!
RUN!



ER...
WHERE
TO,
SALLY?



SINKING!
WE ARE
SINKING!

WOW! THAT
WAS WORSE
THAN ANY
OF THE
LAST...

SONIC!!!





HANG
ON,
GUYS!

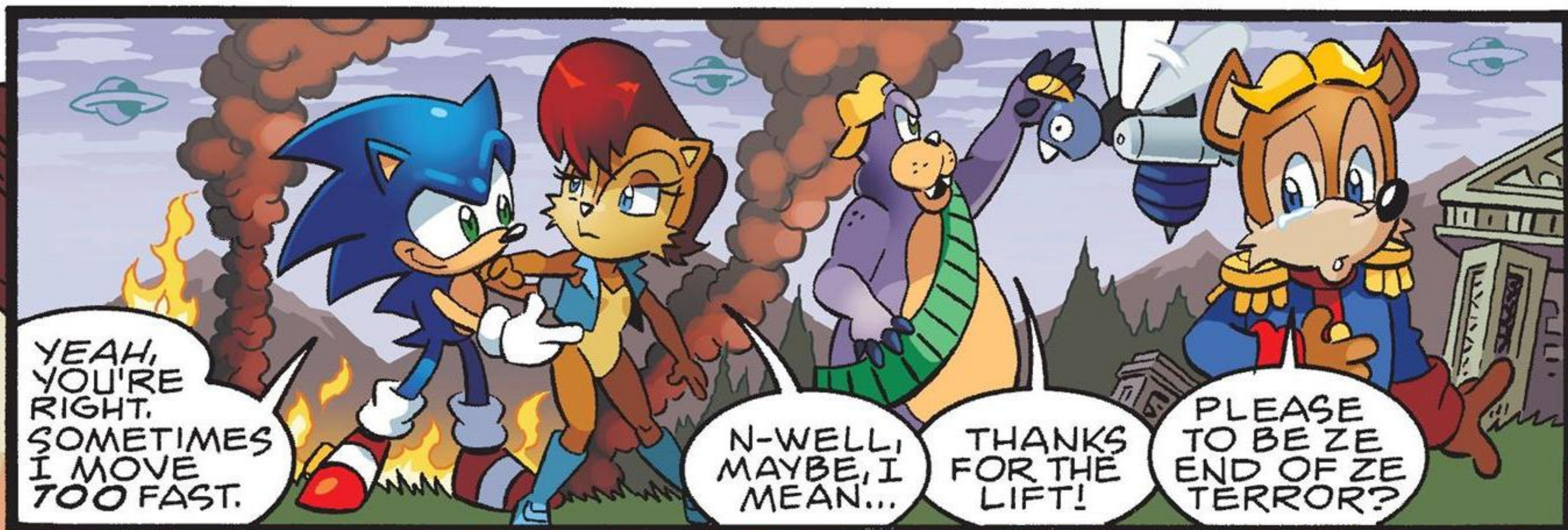
HANG
ON TO THE
BUZZ-
BOMBER,
BOYS!

OKAY,
YOU WON
ME OVER,
BOOMER!

THAT THING'S
PRETTY COOL
FOR SURE!

IS IT HOT
OUT
HERE, OR IS IT
JUST YOU?

S-SONIC!
THIS IS
HARDLY THE
TIME OR
PLACE...



YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT. SOMETIMES I MOVE 700 FAST.

N-WELL, MAYBE, I MEAN...

THANKS FOR THE LIFT!

PLEASE TO BE ZE END OF ZE TERROR?



THE TERRORIZING HAS JUST BEGUN!

MYAH HA HA HA HA!

ZUT ALORS!



LOOKING AT YOUR OH-SO-ROUND SHAPE, I GUESS YOU'RE THIS "EGGMAN" GUY EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT?

INDEED...

AND YOU MUST BE SONIC, THE NASTY LITTLE BOY WHO BULLIED MY NEPHEW THIS MORNING.

YEP, I CAN'T WAIT TO DO THE SAME TO YOU.



OH-HO-HO-HO! WE WILL SEE ABOUT THAT!

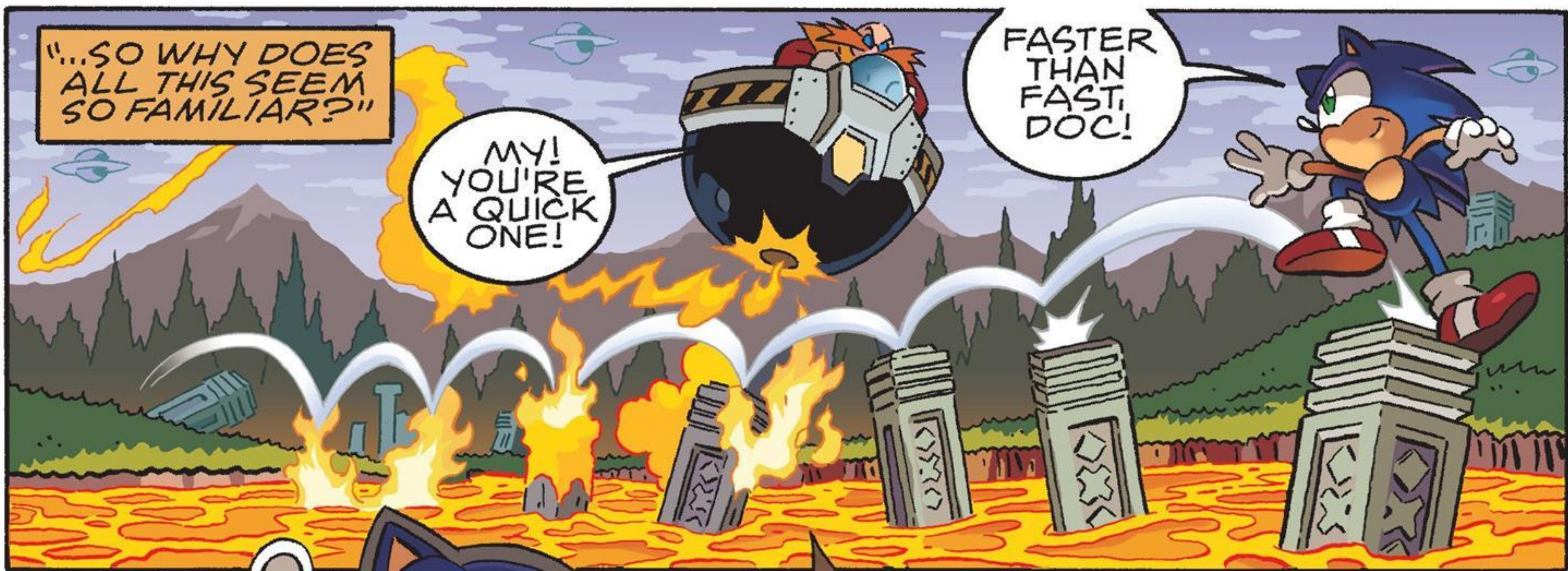


WOW,
LOOK AT
THEM GO!



THERE'S
NOBODY ELSE
LIKE THEM!

YEAH!...



"...SO WHY DOES
ALL THIS SEEM
SO FAMILIAR?"

MY!
YOU'RE
A QUICK
ONE!

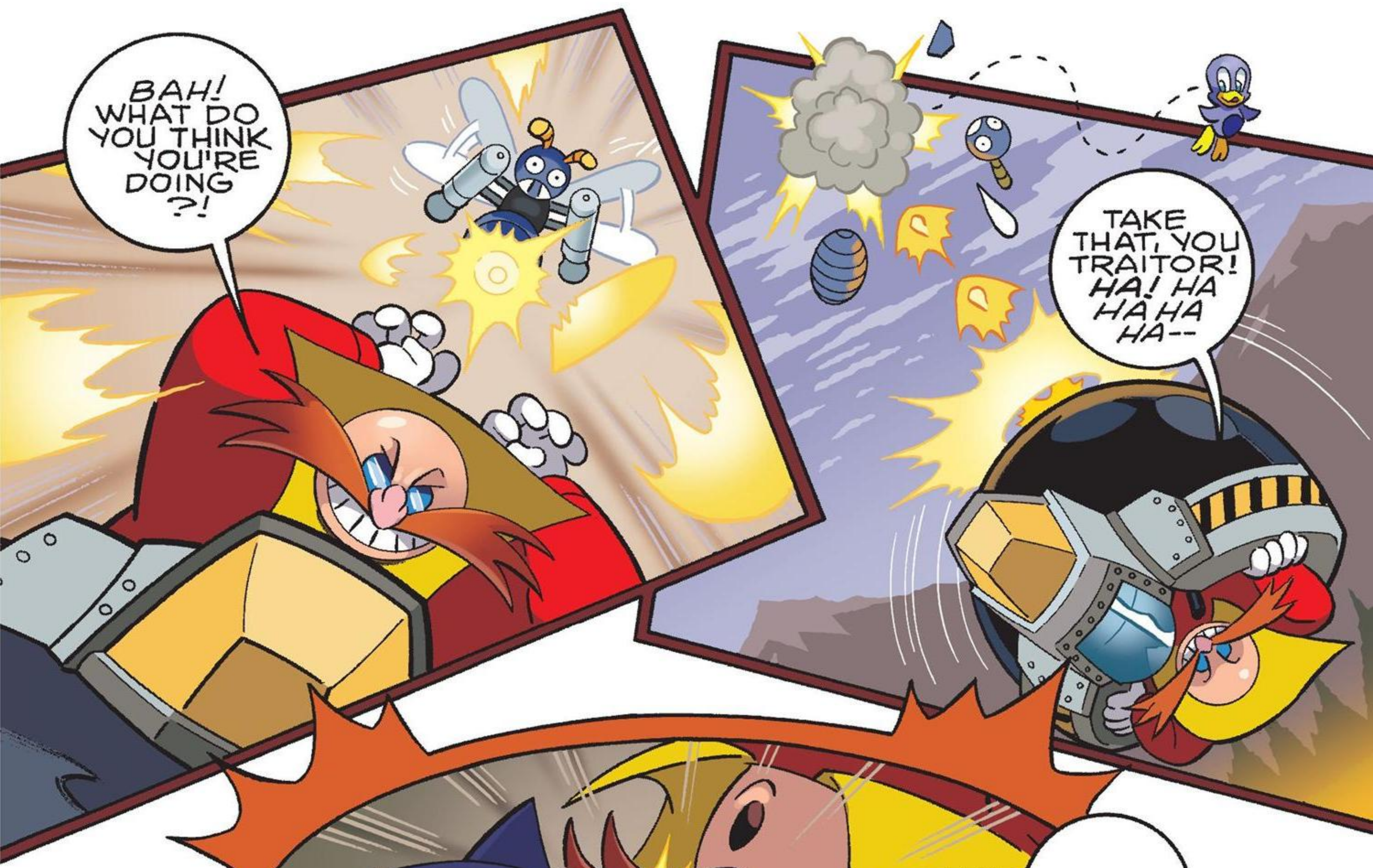
FASTER
THAN
FAST,
DOC!



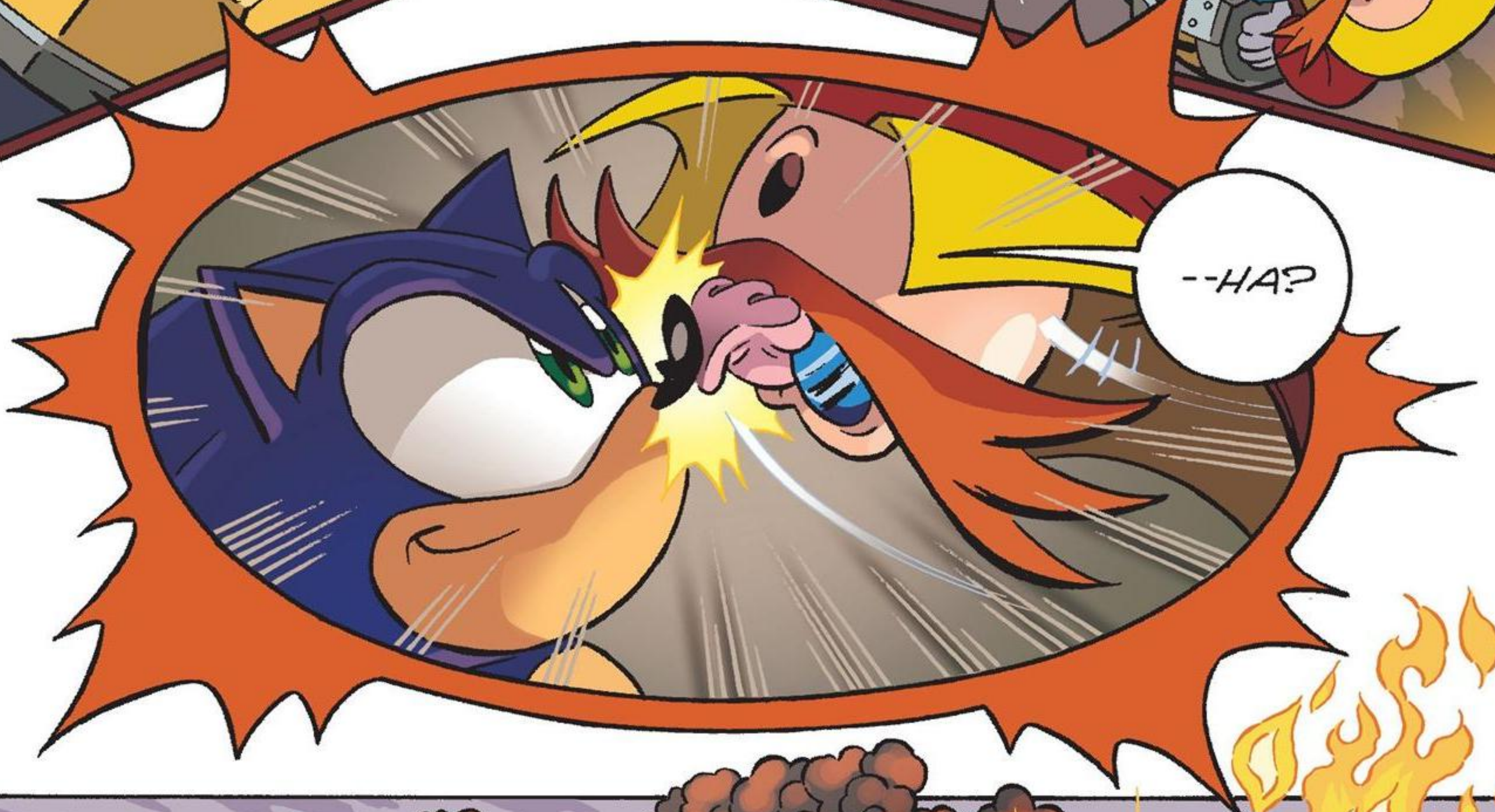
AND
SWIFTER
THAN SW--
OOPS!
THAT'S
NOT
GOOD.



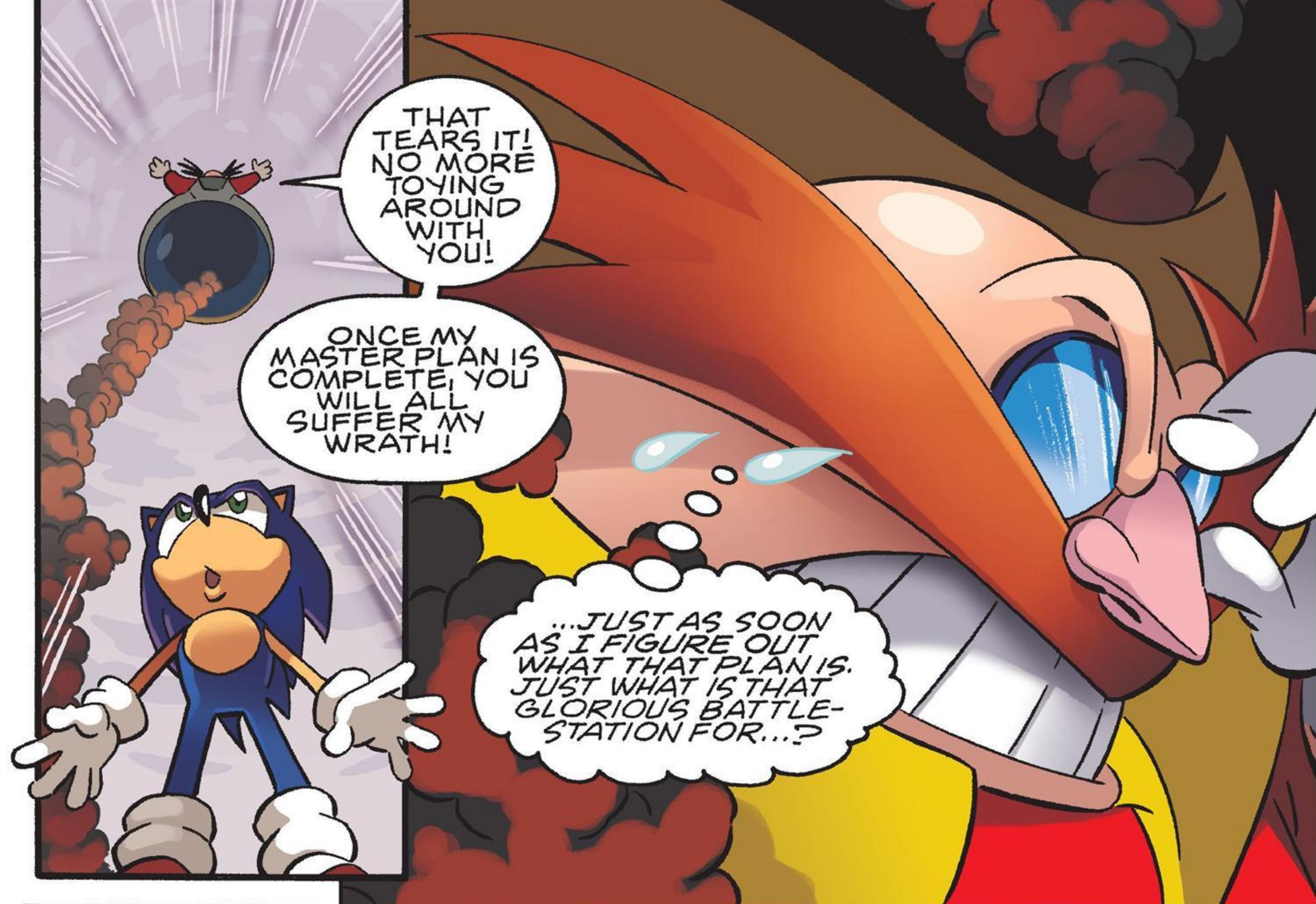
NO, NOT
GOOD AT ALL.
GAME OVER,
RODENT.



TAKE THAT, YOU TRAITOR!
HA! HA
HA HA
HA--



NOOOOO!!!





WELCOME TO THE *BEGINNING* OF A *WHOLE NEW ADVENTURE!* WHAT *NEW PERILS* WILL OUR HEROES FIND IN THIS *NEW WORLD?*

DON'T MISS EVEN *MORE ADVENTURES* IN *SONIC UNIVERSE*, *THE SONIC ARCHIVES*, AND *THE SONIC SELECTS!*



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in the beginning, there was editorial commentary! and it was good!

THE GENESIS OF "GENESIS"!

At the beginning of my editorial escapades, Sega approached us looking to brainstorm some ideas on how to make Sonic's 20th Anniversary an event unlike anything the franchise had ever seen before. We talked about using some elements from the original Sega Genesis Sonic games and I started to get really jazzed about this "throwback-with-a-purpose" type of story. I remember I was driving home that night thinking about the conversation and the name "Sonic: Genesis" came to mind.

A conversation with Ian later, and we had a script. We'll take a look at how the art team came together next month -- until then, enjoy the ride!

Plg

THE EVOLUTION OF "GENESIS"



BREAK-DOWN PENCILS BY SPAZ



FINISHED PENCILS BY TRACY YARDELEY



INKS BY TEDDY AUSTIN AND LETTERS BY JOHN WORKMAN



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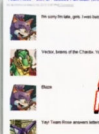
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SONIC & SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG UNIVERSE
TWO AWESOME BLOGS!

LATEST NEWS



It's a long time since we've had a new issue of Sonic Universe. We're excited to announce that we're starting to publish it again. It's a new series of comic books that will be published every month. It's a new series of comic books that will be published every month. It's a new series of comic books that will be published every month.

FAN MAIL!



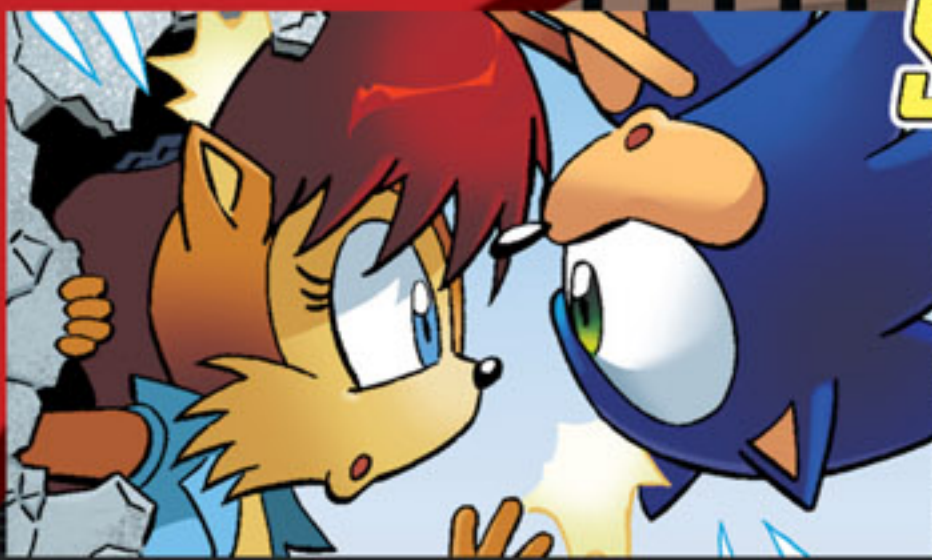
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



...AND MUCH MORE! LOG ON TODAY



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FAN FUNNIES!



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from Alabama

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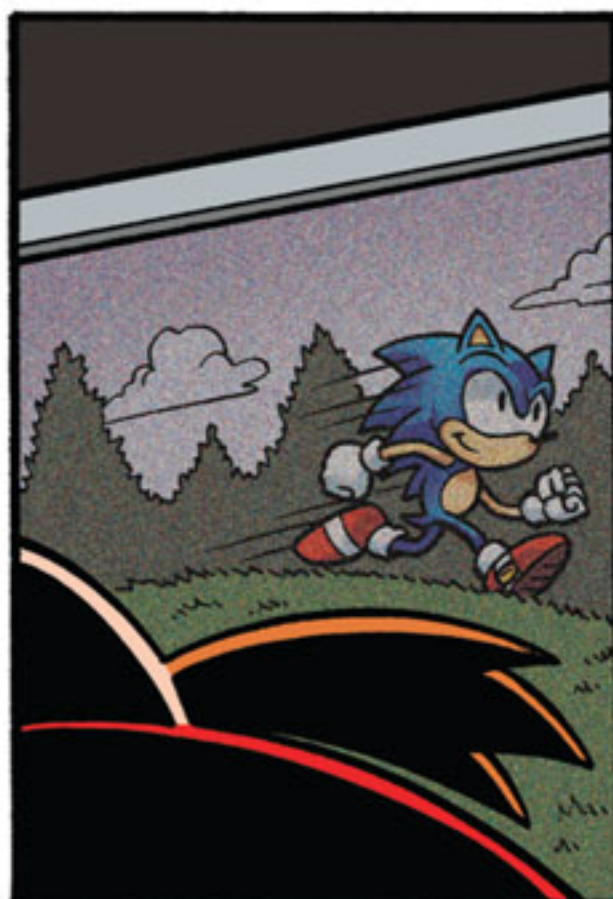


OFF PANEL

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AT LAST!
WITH THE WORLD
RESET, I'M FREE
OF SONIC!



W-WELL
AT LEAST I GOT
THAT BOTHERSOME
PRINCESS LAST
ISSUE!



ARGH!



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LETTERS

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Hey there, Sonic fans! You've been sending in your letters and letting your voices be heard concerning the aftermath of Sonic the Hedgehog #225! Here's some of what you wrote in to sonic@archiecomics.com and told us!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I am in tears because it really looks like Sally was killed off in issue 225. If you really killed Sally, then it is a terrible betrayal of all the fans who have been there since the very beginning of the Sonic the Hedgehog comics. I have nearly all 225 comics, and Sally is my favorite. I know she is not in the games, but please don't kill her off, and for the love of all things holy, DO NOT LET SONIC END UP WITH AMY!!! She is too young for him. I know she wished herself older, but that is still creepy!

**Tearfully yours,
Danielle J.**

Feel better after reading this issue? Well I wouldn't breathe a complete sigh of relief just yet... Why?... You'll seeeee.....

Dear Sonic-Grams,
Archie Sonic, after reading the spoilers for #225, I admit I am disappointed and upset. I hope Sally isn't really dead, it would be a bad loss for the comic. Sally (and her relationship with Sonic) is a very important part of

what makes the comic special for me. I thought you would have learned that lesson during "Endgame." If Sally is really dead, sorry to say, but I could no longer support the comic book.

Dana F.

Hang in there, Dana! The ride gets WILDER from here!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
Sonic, don't freak out but I think your girlfriend is gone! I think I'll see her next issue in Sonic Genesis hopefully. You and Sally are meant to be a team and I like that! Please don't lose your memory soon! Classic Sonic better come back next issue or I'm disappointed! I love him cause that is the original Sonic. Playing Sonic games is my thing and so is reading Sonic comics! If we're going back to the days of yore with Sonic and Robotnik, that'll be awesome!!! It's a Sonic fan's dream to read a Sonic comic based on games especially the oldest ones such as Sonic Genesis 1, 2, 3, and 4!!! I can't wait! Woo-hoo!!!

**Sonic's #1 Fan,
Kristy C.**

Looks like you were on to something there, Kristy!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I loved StH#225. But the ending was sad. I'm sure you had a good reason for Sally's departure

though. Anyways, I have two questions.
1) Will there be a major cast change for the series?

No. Well, yes. Well... no...not really...maybe a little...

2) Will Sonic Select Book 5 be all about Sally as a memorial?

Nope!

Oh, and one more question. Will I have to order countless back issues from the Sonic Checklist to see more of Sally from now on? (Homemade shameless plug)

You, sir, are awesome. And yes, you should be ordering tons of stuff from the Sonic Checklist at all times!

And finally, keep making the world's most way past cool comic way past cooler.

Troy M.

Thanks, Troy!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
Will it ever be explained what happened to Hershey St. John? Is she really dead? Is she going to make a comeback? She's one of my favorite characters and I was really surprised to hear about her death.

**Cassandra S.
Georgia**

Stay tuned, Cassandra! You have my word that all will be revealed!

See ya next month!

NEXT ACT: 227



THE EGGMAN COMETH!

SONIC AND HIS NEW FRIENDS SET THEIR SITES ON THE BIG KAHUNA NEXT ISSUE! DON'T MISS ALL THE ACTION IN: "SONIC: GENESIS" PART TWO (OF FOUR) ON SALE THE WEEK OF 08/09/11

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SOUNDS LIKE A PRISON BREAK IS BREWING IN SCOURGE: LOCK-DOWN PART TWO (of four)

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